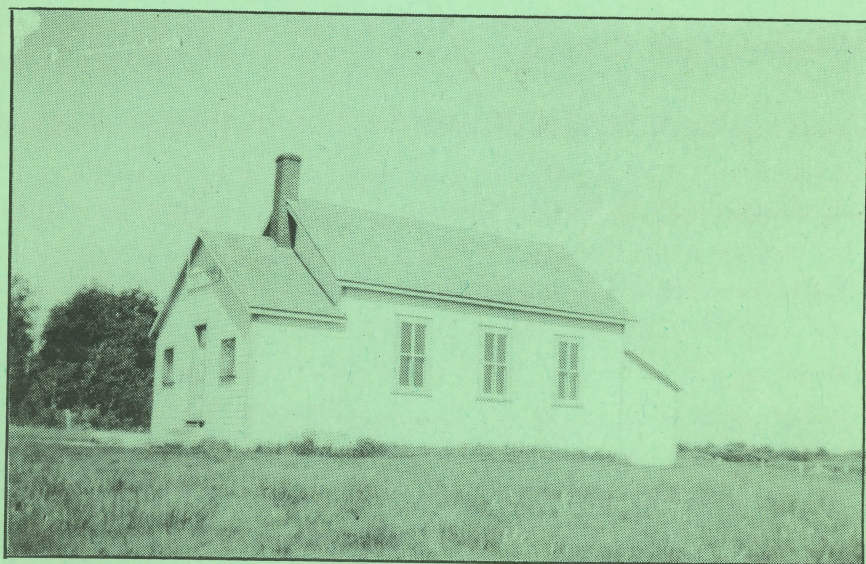


# ARAWANA SCHOOL

## No. 917



*1898 - 1965*  
**CAIRN DEDICATION**  
*July 25, 1993*  
*2:00 p.m.*

## Arawana School No. 917

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|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Welcome .....                             | Alex Grieve                                                                 |
| Greetings from Province .....             | Jim Downey, M.L.A.                                                          |
| Greetings from Canada .....               | Lee Clarke, M.P.                                                            |
| Greetings from School Division .....      | Bernard Tutthill                                                            |
| Greetings from R.M. of Wallace .....      | Alex Gabrielle                                                              |
| Councillor Ward 2 .....                   | Jim Penner                                                                  |
| Unveiling .....                           | Florence Sararas<br>Newton (Chub) Sinclair<br>Ted Chapple<br>Harold Ogilvie |
| Dedication Prayer .....                   | Lorne Chapple                                                               |
| All teachers to come forward              |                                                                             |
| Greetings on behalf of all teachers ..... | Emma Allison                                                                |

# History of Arawana School No. 917

A public meeting of the ratepayers was called on June 15, 1897 for the purpose of forming a school district to be known as Ebor School District No. 917. It was to comprise of the following lands: Sections 1, 12, 13 & 24 in Township 10, Range 29 and Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22 in Township 10, Range 28. There were 31 freeholders in the district.

It was decided to build the school on SE 19-10-28.

In January 1898 it was decided to borrow \$500 to build a school. Mr. John Hume's tender of \$328 was accepted - all materials to be supplied to him. The schoolhouse was to be 24 x 18, walls 10 ft. from floor to ceiling, 3 windows on each side, porch to be 6 x 8 ft. with 2 water closets (toilets). The school was to be completed by May 1, 1898.

School opened in the summer of 1898 with Miss Mary Groutage as teacher - salary \$30.00 per month. No record of how many pupils attended. School year starting in January, February or March going until December of each year or for a 9 month term. School continued every year but the school term was changed to September 'til June.

In 1912, the school name changed to Arawana, an Indian name meaning "running water". The name was chosen by Mrs. F.W. Chapple.

Many teachers and children passed through this school. On June 29, 1965, the last day of school was held. Mrs. Marion Gordon was the last teacher. The students are now bused to Elkhorn, Kola or Virden.

